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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-7392

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| In re Application of:               | ) |                            |
| Nobuaki YAGI                        | ) | Confirmation No.: 5562     |
| Application No.: 10/567,860         | ) | Art Unit: 3721             |
| Filed: February 10, 2006            | ) | Examiner: L. Low           |
| For: PAPER-PRESSING TABLE LOCK      | ) | <b>Mail Stop Amendment</b> |
| MECHANISM OF A STAPLER (AS AMENDED) | ) |                            |

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner of Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment responding to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
  - ☐ Replacement Drawings
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449, \_\_\_\_\_ references included
  - ☐ Citations
  - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
  - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

| <u>Total Months Requested</u>         | <u>Fee for Extension</u> | <u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month    | \$ 120.00                | \$ 60.00                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months   | \$ 460.00                | \$ 230.00                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 1,050.00              | \$ 525.00                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months  | \$ 1,640.00              | \$ 820.00                     |

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED  |   |       |                                |                  |               |            |
|--|---|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest No.<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra | at Rate of    | Total Fees |
| Total Claims<br>(37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))                                       | 5   | minus | 20                             | 0                | x \$50 each=  | + \$       |
| Independent Claims<br>(37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))                                 | 1   | minus | 3                              | 0                | x \$210 each= | + \$       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s) |   |       |                                |                  | \$370.00      | + \$       |
| SUB-TOTAL =  |   |       |                                |                  |               | \$         |
| Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity                                |   |       |                                |                  |               | - \$       |
| TOTAL FEE =  |   |       |                                |                  |               | \$         |

6. Fee Payment

- ☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account 50-0310.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 16, 2007, the period of response to which extending through February 16, 2008, please amend the above identified application as follows: